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Ms. Sheila Desai
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Ms. Desai:

Re: Monthly Progress Report – January 2015
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property Operable Unit No. 7
Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Allegan and Kalamazoo County

As required by Task 8, Progress Reports in the Statement of Work of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at the former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property, please find attached one copy of the Progress Report No. 99 for the period of January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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**Progress Report No. 99
January 1, 2015 to January 31, 2015**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study
Former Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property
Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in accordance with Task 8: Progress Reports and the Schedule for Major Deliverables contained in the Statement of Work for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), pursuant to the terms of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit No. 4 and the Plainwell, Inc. Mill Property (Site) Operational Unit No. 7 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree), which became effective February 22, 2005.

1. Work Performed

- None.

2. Data Received

- None.

**3. Modifications to Work Plans or Other Schedules
Proposed to, or Approved by, the U.S. EPA**

- None.

4. Problems Encountered and Planned Resolution

- None.

5. Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period

- None.

6. Anticipated Development with Work during the Next Period

- None.

7. Other Relevant Information

- On January 5, 2015, CRA staff filled a 20 cubic yard roll-off container with the waste generated during the installation of a buried electric line between two light poles in the parking lot south of Building 17. The waste was subsequently removed by Waste Management on January 6, 2015 for off-Site disposal at the Autumn Hills RDF Landfill in Zeeland, Michigan.
- Between January 26 and 29, 2015, Consumers Energy and their contractor conducted a power pole replacement project at the Site utilizing auger techniques. Four power poles were removed and replaced along the northern portion of the Site, as depicted on the attached aerial photograph. Cuttings were piled at the foot of the installed poles; however, some spoils were located within a 10-foot radius of the poles. CRA, on behalf of the City of Plainwell, containerized a portion of the spoils from Pole #1 and covered the remainder of the spoils with visqueen, for later containerization. The City of Plainwell is in discussions with Consumers Energy regarding the handling and disposition of the spoils from the power pole replacement project.